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Winter Wheat Production in the Northwest Region down 9 percent from Last Year

Based on May 1, 2017 conditions, production of winter wheat in Idaho was forecast at 58.7 million bushels, down 12 percent from 2016. Yield was expected to average 85.0 bushels per acre, down 9.0 bushels from last year. Growers planted an estimated 730,000 acres in the fall of 2016, down 30,000 acres from the previous year. Harvested acres were forecast at 690,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from a year ago.

In Oregon, production was forecast at 41.6 million bushels, up 17 percent from 2016. Yield was expected to average 59.0 bushels per acre, up 9.00 bushel from last year. Growers planted an estimated 710,000 acres in the fall of 2016, down 10,000 acres from the previous year. Growers expected to harvest 705,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from the previous year.

In Washington, production was forecast at 111 million bushels, down 15 percent from 2016. Yield was expected to average 67.0 bushels per acre, down 11 bushels from the previous year. Growers planted an estimated 1.7 million acres in the fall of 2016, unchanged from the previous year. Harvested acres were forecast at 1.66 million acres, down 10,000 acres from 2016.

Nationally, production was expected to be 1.25 billion bushels, down 25 percent from 2016. Yield was forecast at 48.8 bushels per acre, down 6.5 bushel from last year. Growers planted an estimated 32.7 million acres in the fall of 2016, down 3.4 million acres from the previous year. Harvested acres were forecast at 25.6 million acres, down 4.7 million acres from 2016.

U.S. White Winter wheat production was forecast at 212 million bushels, down 13 percent from last year. Of this total, 16.8 million bushels were Hard White and 195 million bushels were Soft White. U.S. Hard Red Winter, at 737 million bushels, was down 32 percent from 2016. Soft Red Winter, at 296 million bushels, was down 14 percent from 2016.

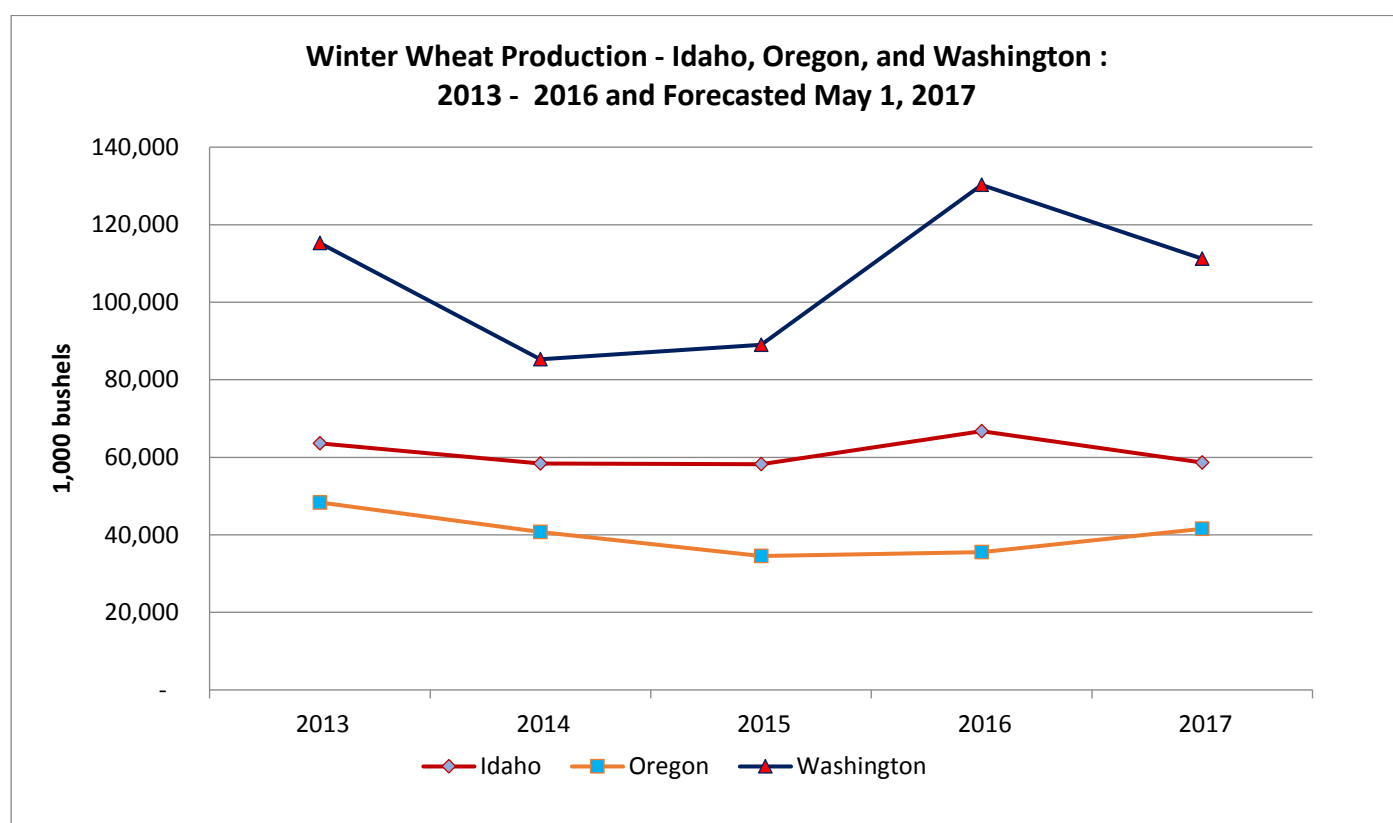
Winter Wheat Area Harvested, Yield, and Production — Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and United States: 2016 and Forecasted May 1, 2017

State	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Idaho	710	690	94.0	85.0	66,740	58,650
Oregon	710	705	50.0	59.0	35,500	41,595
Washington	1,670	1,660	78.0	67.0	130,260	111,220
United States	30,222	25,564	55.3	48.8	1,671,532	1,246,392

Wheat Production by Class — United States: 2016 and Forecasted May 1, 2017

[Wheat class estimates are based on the latest available data including both surveys and administrative data. The previous end-of-year season class percentages are used throughout the forecast season for States that do not have survey or administrative data available. Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Crop	2016	2017
	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Winter		
Hard red.....	1,081,690	737,458
Soft red.....	345,230	296,669
Hard white.....	25,476	16,834
Soft white.....	219,136	195,431
Spring		
Hard red.....	493,125	
Hard white.....	7,539	
Soft white.....	33,363	
Durum.....	104,116	
Total	2,309,675	



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